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1. IN YOUR DISCUSSIONS OF THE FOOD SITUATION IN INDIA, WE BELIEVE YOU SHOULD KNOW THAT THE PROGRESS OF THE MONSOON WEAKENED RATHER
SHARPLY AROUND MID- JUNE.

2. MONSOON RAINS STARTED IN SOUTH INDIA ON SCHEDULE AND MOVED NORTHWARD AND WESTWARD IN NORMAL MANNER FOR THE NEXT TWO WEEKS. ABOUT MID- JUNE THERE WAS A SUDDEN WEAKENING OF MONSOON RAINS IN MOST OF CENTRAL, SOUTHEASTERN AND WESTERN INDIA. AS OF TODAY (JUNE 27) THERE ARE NO INDICATIONS OF A RENEWAL OF MONSOON RAINS. SEVERAL STATES IN NORTHERN INDIA INCLUDING PUNJAB, HARYANA AND UTTAR PRADESH HAVE, HOWEVER, RECEIVED UNUSUALLY GOOD PRE-MONSOON RAINS IN RECENT DAYS.

3. THE WEAKENING OF MONSOON RAINS IN CENTRAL AND WESTERN INDIA AT THIS TIME DOES NOT NECESSARILY MEAN A POOR FALL HARVEST. IT HAS DELAYED PLANTING OF KHARIT CROPS. CONTINUED DELAYS WILL FURTHER REDUCE THE POSSIBILITY OF A GOOD HARVEST BUT THERE IS STILL TIME FOR
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RECOVERY IF RAINS RESUME SOON AND IF THERE IS A GOOD MONSOON
PERFORMANCE DURING THE NEXT THREE MONTHS.
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